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The antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft hit Microsoft and the economy in March 2000; contributed significantly to the slide of the stock market and poor performance of most companies throughout the country for the past 23 months. We cannot justify the continuation of damaging Microsoft for the benefit of Apple, Oracle, AOL Time Warner and the remaining nine envious detracting states.

Linux has become the primary operating system in IBM's most advanced servers, just introduced, a substantial switch from Microsoft Windows and NT to a highly competitive alternative OS. Innovation and the market is working without Federal and State Government intervention. AOL Netscape with 33,000,000 has three times more subscribers than Microsoft Explorer, yet AOL files a lawsuit that Netscape has been disadvantaged. AOL also withholds documents from the litigation process and encourages the nine intransigent states to prosecute with no ending, What gall! What runaway greed!

The Appeals Court and Department of Justice Antitrust Division have an opportunity to put this costly litigation with Microsoft to rest and somehow placate the nine foot-dragging states so we can move on to a more productive period for the entire economy. For God's sake, please put this legal morass in back of us so we can breathe normally again.

As Microsoft customers for the past 20 years we have never experienced any wrongdoing in overcharges in fees or software; in fact, we hope and pray we can do as well over the next 20 years in relying on Microsoft in their outstanding innovations and service to customers, the industry and the economy.

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